

In Transaction 6, 360° Communications Company of Pennsylvania No. 1, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of ALLTEL, will transfer its 80 percent general partnership interest in Pennsylvania RSA 1 Limited Partnership and its 57.13 percent general partnership interest in Pennsylvania RSA No. 6(1) Limited Partnership to Ohio NewCo, a majority-owned and controlled subsidiary of GTE Ohio. Transaction 6 requires prior FCC approval. The required FCC Forms 603 are being filed on this date in accordance with Commission staff instructions.

Transaction 7

<u>Transferor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Transferee</u>	<u>Market</u>
360° Communications Company	Pennsylvania 4 Sector 2 Limited Partnership	GTE Wireless of Ohio Incorporated	PA4B2, RSA 615 (Bradford)

In Transaction 7, 360° Communications Company, a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of ALLTEL, will transfer its 50 percent limited partnership interest in Pennsylvania 4 Sector 2 Limited Partnership to Ohio NewCo. Transaction 7 requires prior FCC approval. The required FCC Form 603 is being filed on this date in accordance with Commission staff instructions.

Transaction 8

<u>Transferor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Transferee</u>	<u>Market</u>
360° Communications Company	Pennsylvania 3 Sector 2 Limited Partnership	GTE Wireless of Ohio Incorporated	PA3B2, RSA 614 (Potter)

In Transaction 8, a total 61.53 percent limited partnership interest in Pennsylvania 3 Sector 2 Limited Partnership will be transferred to Ohio NewCo. This transfer of control from 360° Communications Company to Ohio NewCo in fact will be accomplished through two separate transactions. First, Virginia Metronet, a wholly-owned subsidiary of 360° Communications Company and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of ALLTEL, will transfer its 16.66 percent limited partnership interest in the licensee to Ohio NewCo. Second, 360° Communications Company will transfer its 44.87 percent limited partnership interest in the licensee to Ohio NewCo. Transaction 8 requires prior FCC approval. The required FCC Form 603 is being filed on this date in accordance with Commission staff instructions.

Transaction 9

<u>Transferor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Transferee</u>	<u>Market</u>
360° Communications Company of Indiana No. 1	Indiana RSA 2 Limited Partnership	GTE Wireless of Ohio Incorporated	IN2, RSA 404 (Kosciusko)

In Transaction 9, 360° Communications Company of Indiana No. 1, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of ALLTEL, will transfer its 75 percent general partnership interest in Indiana RSA 2 Limited Partnership to Ohio NewCo, a majority-owned and controlled subsidiary of GTE Ohio. Transaction 9 requires prior FCC approval. The required FCC Form 603 is being filed on this date in accordance with Commission staff instructions.

Transaction 10

<u>Assignor/Licensee</u>	<u>Assignee</u>	<u>Market</u>
Youngstown-Warren MSA Limited Partnership	GTE Wireless of Ohio Incorporated	Sharon, PA MSA

In Transaction 10, Youngstown-Warren MSA Limited Partnership⁵ will assign to Ohio NewCo, a majority-owned and controlled subsidiary of GTE Ohio, its cellular and related microwave interests in the Sharon, PA MSA. Transaction 10 requires prior FCC approval. The required FCC Form 603 is being filed on this date in accordance with Commission staff instructions.

⁵ Youngstown-Warren MSA Limited Partnership is majority owned and controlled by TeleSpectrum, Inc., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of ALLTEL.

Transaction 11

<u>Transferor</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Transferee</u>	<u>Market</u>
GTE Mobilnet of Cleveland Incorporated	GTE Mobilnet of Ohio Limited Partnership	360° Communications Investment Company ⁶	Cleveland, Ohio MSA Akron, OH MSA Canton, OH MSA Lorain-Elyria, OH MSA
GTE Mobilnet of Ohio Limited Partnership	GTE Wireless of Ohio Incorporated	GTE Mobilnet of Cleveland Incorporated ⁷	Erie, PA MSA ⁸ Northeast PA MSA Sharon, PA MSA PA1, RSA 612 (Crawford) PA4B2, RSA 615 (Bradford) PA5, RSA 616 (Wayne) PA6B1, RSA 617 (Lawrence) IN2, RSA 404 (Kosciusko)

In Transaction 11, GTE Mobilnet of Cleveland Incorporated ("GTE Cleveland"), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of GTE, will surrender pursuant to a redemption agreement, its 40 percent general and 56.6 percent limited partner interests in GTE Ohio. In exchange for the redemption of the GTE

⁶ As a consequence of the redemption, 360° Communications Investment Company will, by virtue of its interest in GTE Ohio, control the licenses associated with the indicated markets.

⁷ Following the redemption, GTE Cleveland will control, through its interest in Ohio NewCo, the licenses associated with the indicated markets.

⁸ In advance of this transaction, GTE Ohio will assign to its majority-owned and controlled subsidiary, Ohio NewCo, its cellular authorization for Erie, Pennsylvania. A Form 603 for this *pro forma* transaction is being filed on this date.

Cleveland interests, GTE Ohio will implement a *pro forma* transfer of control of its stock in Ohio NewCo from GTE Ohio to GTE Cleveland.⁹ Following the redemption, 360° Communications Investment Company and 360° Communications Company of Petersburg will be the sole remaining partners in GTE Ohio; 360° Communications Investment Company will be the sole general partner. The redemption of the GTE Cleveland ownership interests in GTE Ohio, resulting in ALLTEL's control of GTE Ohio, requires prior FCC approval. The required FCC Form 603 are being filed on this date.

Copies of the agreements corresponding to the above listed transactions will be provided upon request to the Commission under confidential seal.

Public Interest Statement

The qualifications of GTE and ALLTEL to hold cellular and other radio station licenses are a matter of public record established and approved in numerous Commission decisions.

The Transactions fully comply with all Commission rules and require no waivers. They create no new unresolved overlaps of ownership interests in any wireless markets and raise no competitive issues.¹⁰

The Transactions will serve the public interest in numerous ways. *First*, they will resolve and eliminate certain ownership overlaps between GTE and Bell Atlantic or Vodafone. The

⁹ Because the transfer of the stock in Ohio NewCo is between subsidiaries majority owned and controlled by GTE, there will be no change in ultimate control of Ohio NewCo.

¹⁰ ALLTEL holds 10 MHz PCS licenses in Pensacola, Florida and Mobile, Alabama. Those interests will be disposed of in accordance with FCC and/or Department of Justice requirements.

Commission has previously found transfers of wireless licenses to serve the public interest when they result in removal of cross-ownership situations.¹¹

Second, the Transactions promote the Commission's policies by advancing competition. They will extend ALLTEL's regional contiguous wireless telecommunications services coverage footprint, thereby creating a stronger company that can better compete against much larger entities already possessing nationwide footprints, such as AT&T and Sprint. In order to provide effective competition to these carriers, small and mid-sized carriers must build sufficiently broad-based networks to enable them to achieve economies of scale and scope. The Commission has found that these efficiencies and economies are sufficient bases to grant transfers of licenses because they can result in benefits to the public.¹²

Third, the Transactions will allow GTE and Bell Atlantic to fill in several gaps in the geographic coverage of their planned merger, enabling the merged company to create a stronger and more efficient wireless competitor in an industry where national coverage is increasingly important.

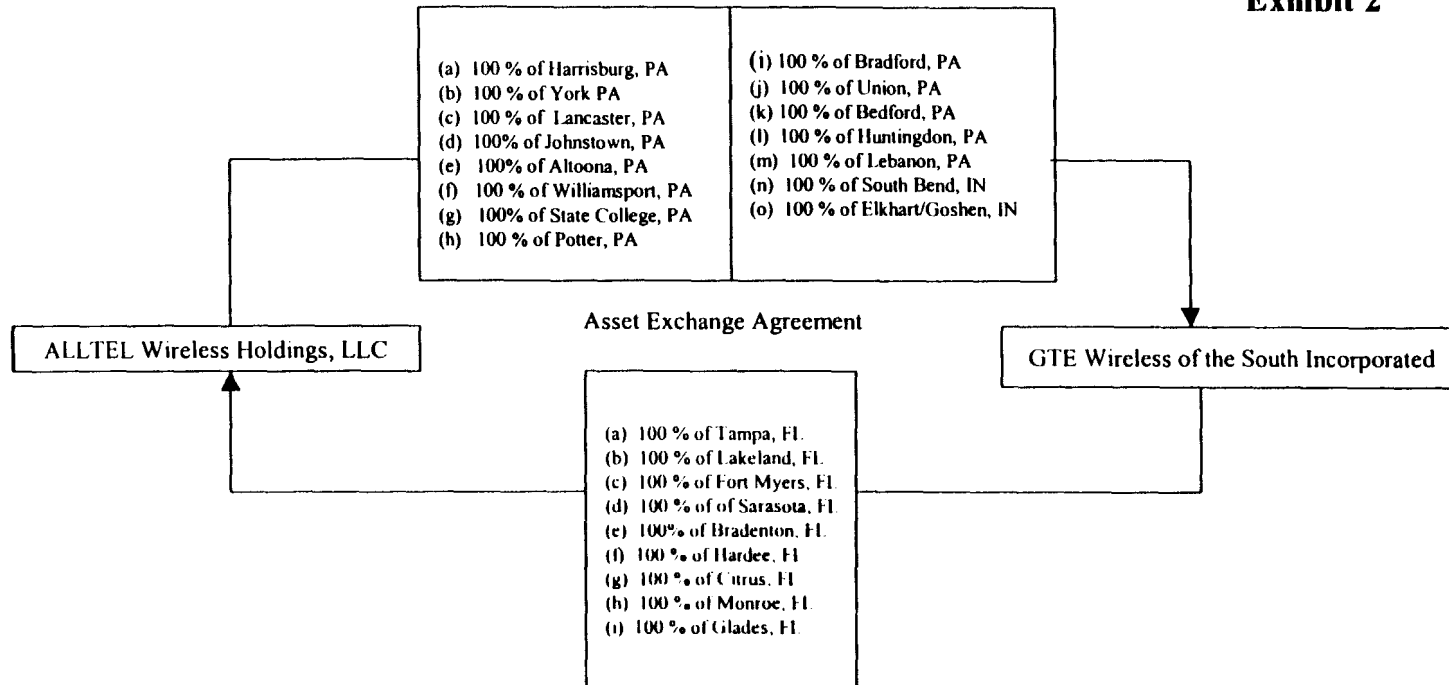
¹¹ See, e.g., *Applications of Winston, Inc., et al.*, 14 FCC Rcd 3844 (WTB 1998) (approving transfer of Vanguard Cellular licenses to AT&T Wireless in which AT&T committed to spin off overlapping ownership interests that would have resulted from the transaction).

¹² See, e.g., *Application of 360° Communications Company and ALLTEL Corporation*, 14 FCC Rcd 2005 (1999).

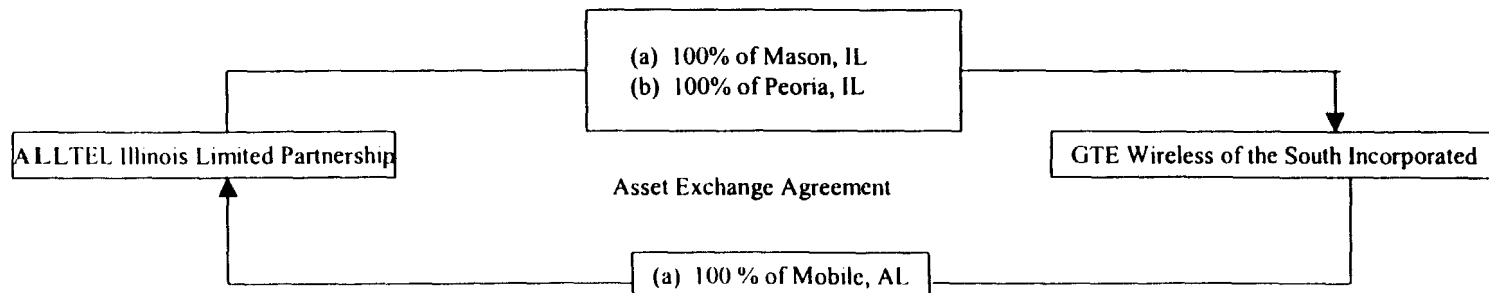
Conclusion

The Transactions will eliminate overlapping wireless ownership interests, create no new cross-ownership situations or overlaps, and will enable the parties to achieve the benefits that flow from expanding their footprints in areas that they believe are necessary for building efficient wireless networks that in turn can most effectively compete in the provision of wireless service to the public. The Applications can and should be promptly approved by the Commission.

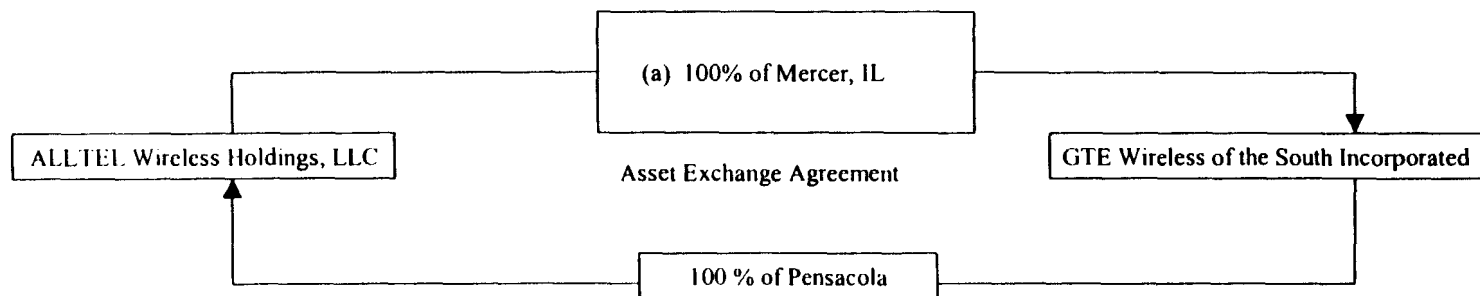
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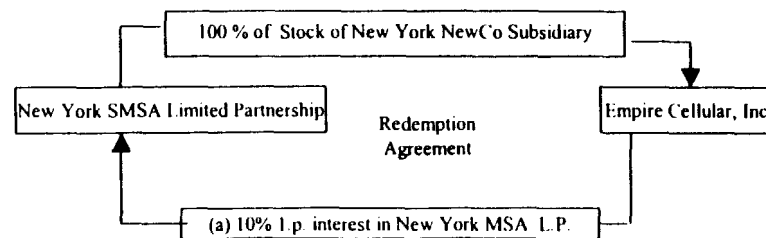
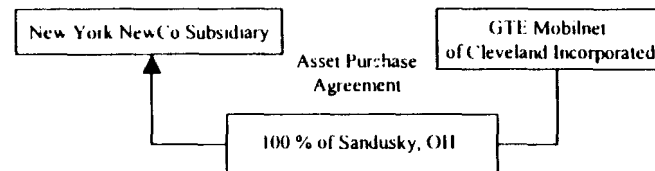
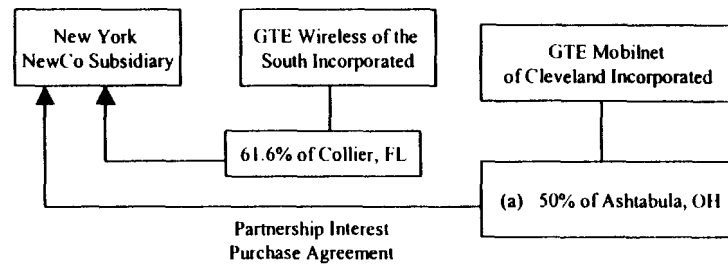
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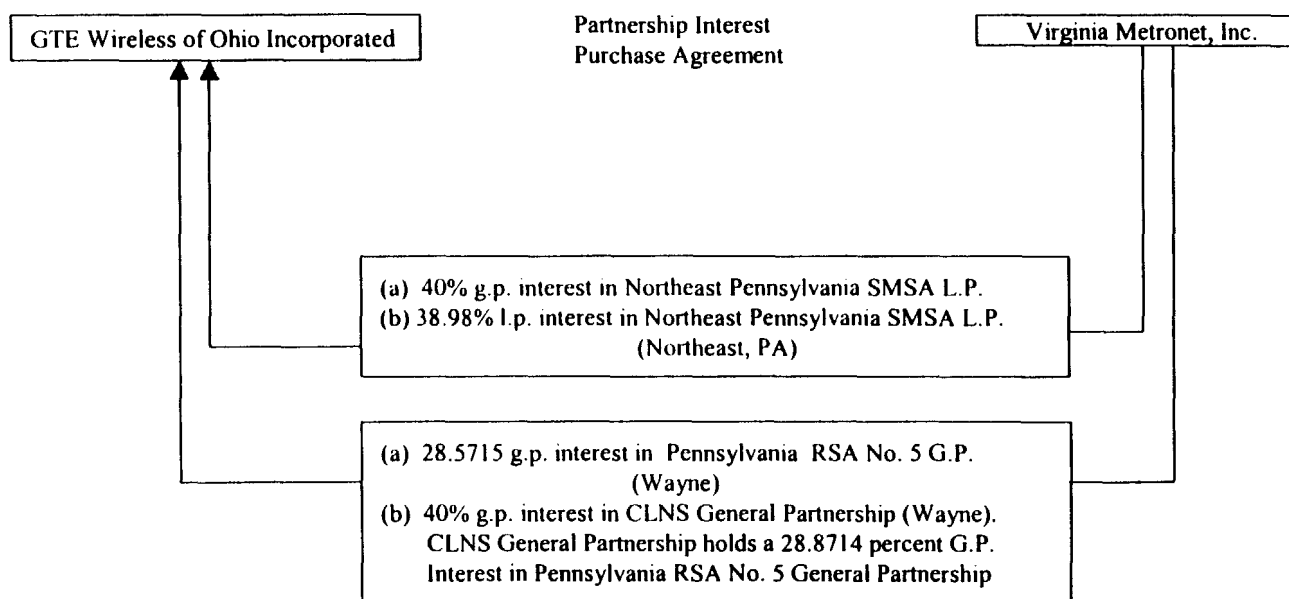
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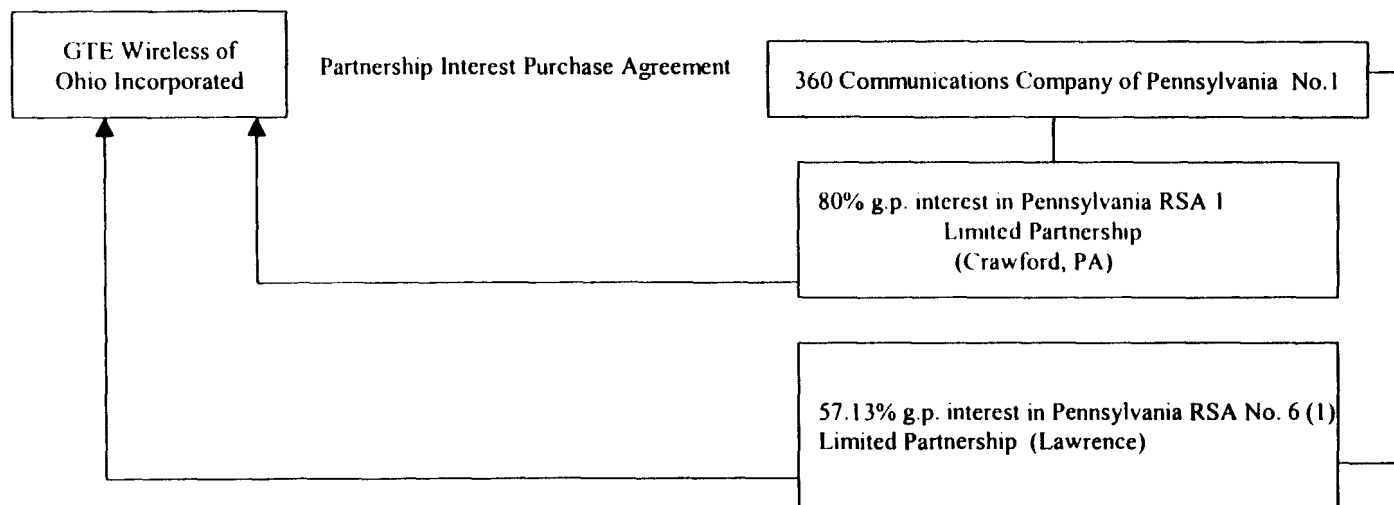
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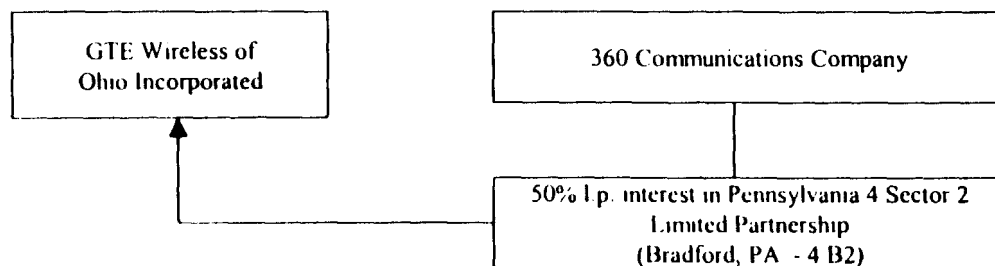


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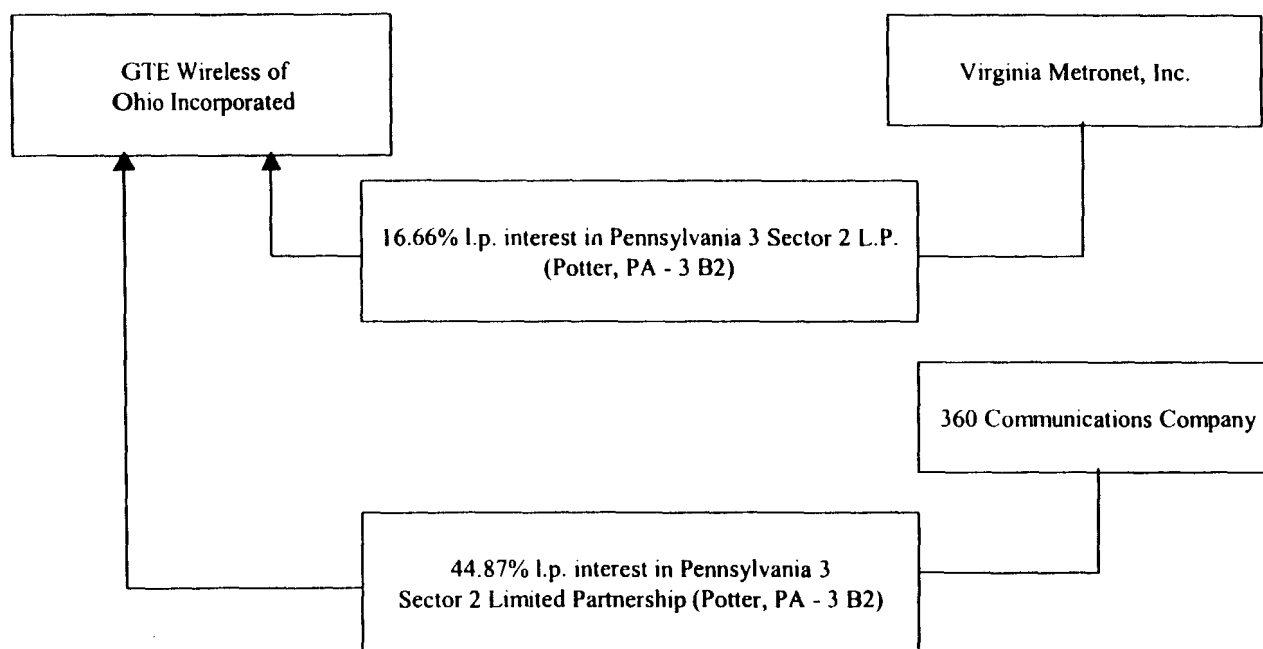


Transaction 7

Partnership Interest Purchase Agreement

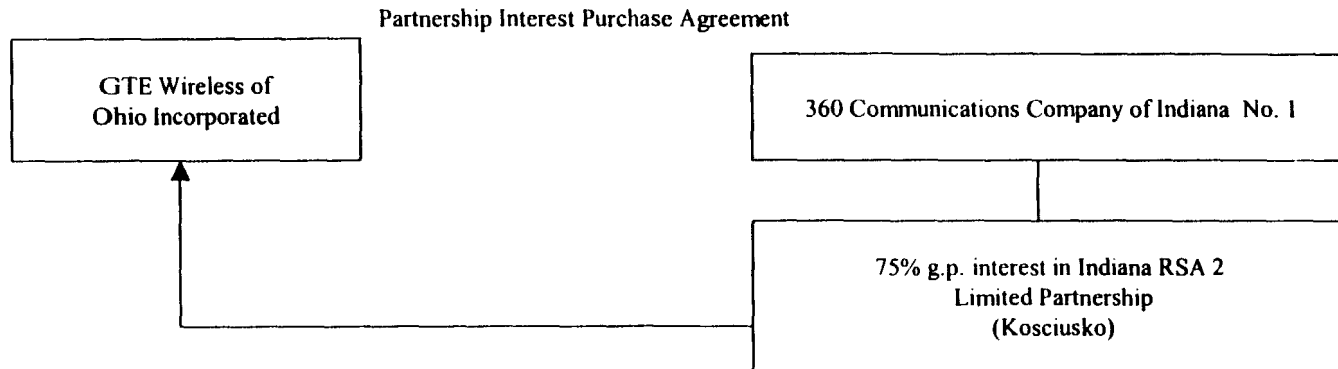


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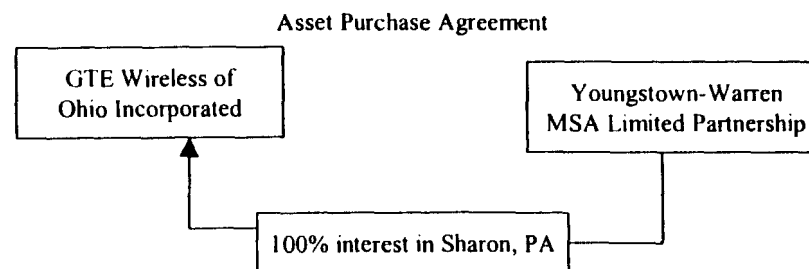


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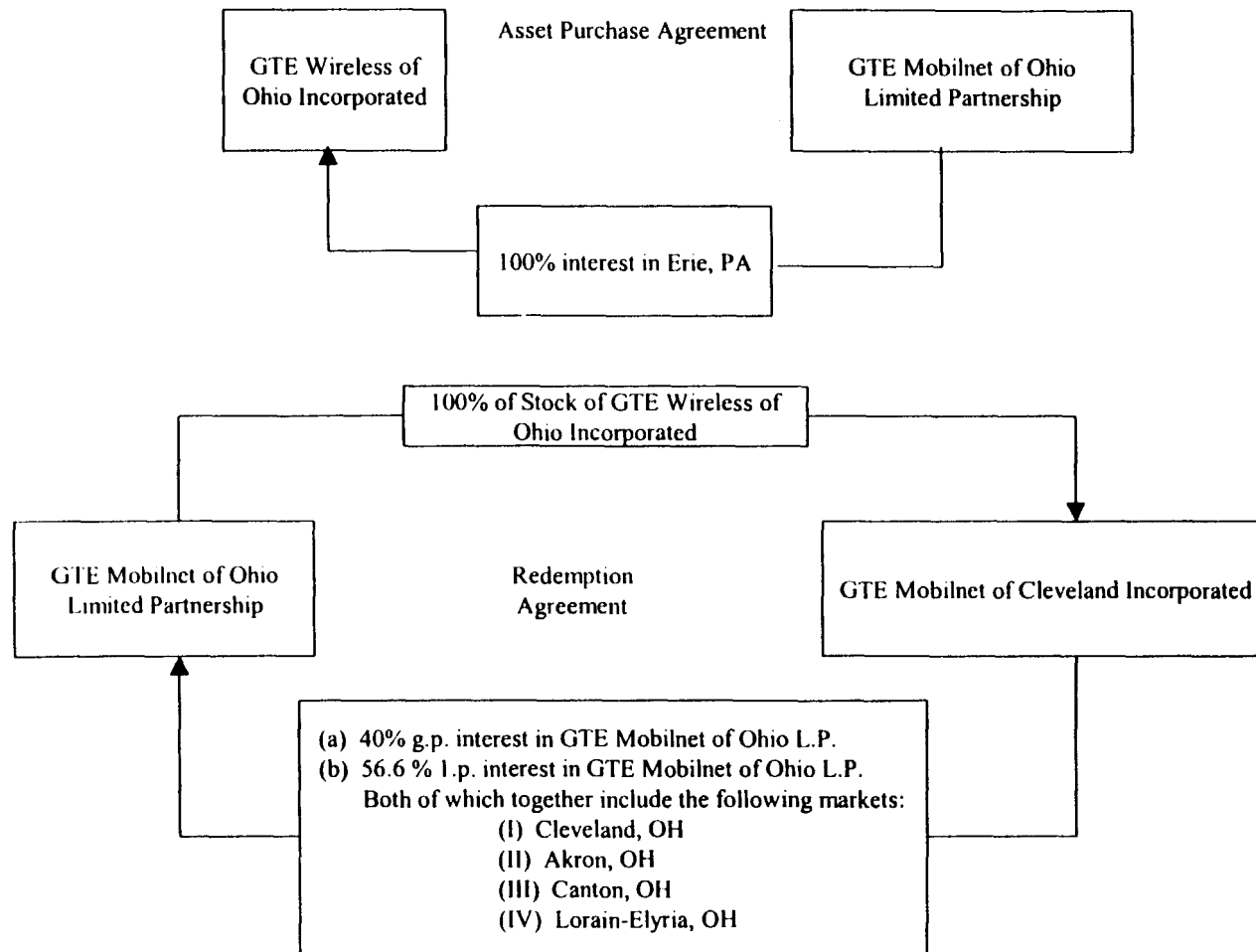
Transaction 9



Transaction 10



Transaction 11



FCC Form 603, Question 77

The applicant or any parties directly or indirectly controlling the applicant are parties in the following pending matters:

New England Mobile Communications, Inc. d/b/a Kartele v. Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile, Inc. ("BANM") and Metro Mobile CTS of Fairfield County, Inc. ("Metro Mobile") (Connecticut Superior Court) Kartele, a former agent, alleges defendant "improperly terminated" the agency agreement and violated the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act by engaging in below-cost pricing in its own retail stores. BAM successfully moved to dismiss plaintiff's breach of contract and promissory estoppel claims. Unfair trade practice and Connecticut Franchise Act claims remain. BAM has served its answer and filed a counterclaim for breach of contract.

Electronics Store, Inc. v. Cellco Partnership and Cedar Point Federal Credit Union (MD Cir. Ct., St. Mary's Co.) Plaintiff, a former agent, alleges that defendants committed antitrust violations under Maryland law, breached the agency agreement and interfered with its contacts with cellular customers. Summary Judgment for BAM was reversed in part permitting case to proceed on breach of contract, implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and unfair competition theories. Plaintiff has appealed dismissal of antitrust claims. This breach of contract, implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and unfair competition case brought by a former agent is scheduled for trial on May 1, 2000.

H.T. Communications, Inc. f/k/a H.T. Auto v. Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, Inc. and Cellco Partnership (Sup. Ct. NJ, Law Div.) Plaintiff, a former agent, filed suit on October 22, 1999 alleging that BAM breached its agency agreement by failing and refusing to pay all commissions due, anniversary payments and residuals. Plaintiff has brought a number of causes of action, including unfair competition. Defendant's time to answer the complaint has been extended by mutual consent of the parties until late January 2000. BAM believes the agency agreement, as amended, requires that all of plaintiffs' claims be arbitrated.

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FCC 603	FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Application for Assignments of Authorization and Transfers of Control	Approved by OMB 3060 - 0800 See instructions for public burden estimate Previewed 02/07/2000 at 07:50PM File Number: 0000077601
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1) Application Purpose: Transfer of Control	
2a) If this request is for an Amendment or Withdrawal, enter the File Number of the pending application currently on file with the FCC.	File Number:
2b) File numbers of related pending applications currently on file with the FCC:	

Type of Transaction

3a) Is this a <i>pro forma</i> assignment of authorization or transfer of control? No
3b) If the answer to Item 3a is 'Yes', is this a notification of a <i>pro forma</i> transaction being filed under the Commission's forbearance procedures for telecommunications licenses?
4) For assignment of authorization only, is this a partition and/or disaggregation?
5) Does filing request a waiver of the Commission's rules? No
6) Are attachments being filed with this application? Yes
7a) Does the transaction that is the subject of this application also involve transfer or assignment of other wireless licenses held by the assignor/transferor or affiliates of the assignor/transferor (e.g., parents, subsidiaries, or commonly controlled entities) that are not included on this form and for which Commission approval is required? Yes
7b) Does the transaction that is the subject of this application also involve transfer or assignment of non-wireless licenses that are not included on this form and for which Commission approval is required? No

Transaction Information

8) How will assignment of authorization or transfer of control be accomplished? See Description of Transaction If required by applicable rule, attach as an exhibit a statement on how control is to be assigned or transferred, along with copies of any pertinent contracts, agreements, instruments, certified copies of Court Orders, etc.
9) The assignment of authorization or transfer of control of license is Voluntary

Licensee/Assignor Information

10a) Taxpayer Identification Number: [REDACTED]		10b) SGIN: 000	
11) First Name (if individual):	MI:	Last Name	Suffix:
12) Entity Name (if not an individual): Florida RSA #1B (Naples) Limited Partnership			
13) Attention To:			
14) P.O. Box:	And / Or	15) Street Address One GTE Place - GA3B1REG	
16) City: Alpharetta	17) State GA	18) Zip: 30004	
19) Telephone Number: (678)339-4271		20) FAX (678)339-8552	
21) E-Mail Address: JRobbins@mobilnet.gte.com			

22) Race, Ethnicity, Gender of Assignor/Licensee (Optional)

Race:	American Indian or Alaska Native:	Asian:	Black or African-American:	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	White
Ethnicity:	Hispanic or Latino:	Not Hispanic or Latino:			
Gender:	Female:	Male:			

Transferor Information (for transfers of control only)

23a) Taxpayer Identification Number: [REDACTED]		23b) SGIN: 000
24) First Name (if individual):	MI:	Last Name: Suffix:
25) Entity Name (if not an individual): New York SMSA Limited Partnership		
26) P.O. Box:	And / Or	27) Street Address: 180 Washington Valley Road
28) City: Bedminster	29) State: NJ	30) Zip: 07921
31) Telephone Number: (908)306-7000	32) FAX: (908)306-4218	
33) E-Mail Address:		

Name of Transferor Contact Representative (if other than Transferor) (for transfers of control only)

34) First Name: Patricia	MI: A	Last Name: Croal	Suffix:
35) Company Name: Bell Atlantic Mobile, Inc.			
36) P.O. Box:	And / Or	37) Street Address: 180 Washington Valley Road	
38) City: Bedminster	39) State: NJ	40) Zip: 07921	
41) Telephone Number: (908)306-7304	42) FAX: (908)306-6836		
43) E-Mail Address: croalpa@bam.com			

Assignee/Transferee Information

44) The Assignee is a(n): Corporation			
45a) Taxpayer Identification Number: [REDACTED]		45b) SGIN: 000	
46) First Name (if individual):	MI:	Last Name:	Suffix:
47) Entity Name (if other than individual): Empire Cellular, Inc.			
48) Name of Real Party in Interest:			49) TIN:
50) Attention To: Francis X. Frantz			
51) P.O. Box:	And / Or	52) Street Address: One Allied Drive	
53) City: Little Rock	54) State: AR	55) Zip: 72202	
56) Telephone Number: (501)905-8500	57) FAX: (501)905-0962		
58) E-Mail Address:			

Name of Assignee/Transferee Contact Representative (if other than Assignee/Transferee)

59) First Name: Glenn	MI: S	Last Name: Rabin	Suffix:
60) Company Name: ALLTEL Corporation			
61) P.O. Box:	And / Or	62) Street Address: 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 720	
63) City: Washington	64) State: DC	65) Zip: 20004	
66) Telephone Number: (202)783-3976	67) FAX: (202)783-3982		
68) E-Mail Address: glenn.s.rabin@alltel.com			

Alien Ownership Questions

69) Is the Assignee or Transferee a foreign government or the representative of any foreign government?	No
70) Is the Assignee or Transferee an alien or the representative of an alien?	No
71) Is the Assignee or Transferee a corporation organized under the laws of any foreign government?	No
72) Is the Assignee or Transferee a corporation of which more than one-fifth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens or their representatives or by a foreign government or representative thereof or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country?	No
73) Is the Assignee or Transferee directly or indirectly controlled by any other corporation of which more than one-fourth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens, their representatives, or by a foreign government or representative thereof, or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country? If 'Yes', attach exhibit explaining nature and extent of alien or foreign ownership or control.	No

Basic Qualification Questions

74) Has the Assignee or Transferee or any party to this application had any FCC station authorization, license or construction permit revoked or had any application for an initial, modification or renewal of FCC station authorization, license, construction permit denied by the Commission? If 'Yes', attach exhibit explaining circumstances.	No
75) Has the Assignee or Transferee or any party to this application, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Assignee or Transferee, or any party to this application ever been convicted of a felony by any state or federal court? If 'Yes', attach exhibit explaining circumstances.	No
76) Has any court finally adjudged the Assignee or Transferee, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Assignee or Transferee guilty of unlawfully monopolizing or attempting unlawfully to monopolize radio communication, directly or indirectly, through control of manufacture or sale of radio apparatus, exclusive traffic arrangement, or any other means or unfair methods of competition? If 'Yes', attach exhibit explaining circumstances.	No
77) Is the Assignee or Transferee, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Assignee or Transferee currently a party in any pending matter referred to in the preceding two items? If 'Yes', attach exhibit explaining circumstances.	No

78) Race, Ethnicity, Gender of Assignee/Transferee (Optional)

Race:	American Indian or Alaska Native:	Asian:	Black or African-American:	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	White:
Ethnicity:	Hispanic or Latino:	Not Hispanic or Latino:			
Gender:	Female:	Male:			

Assignor/Transferor Certification Statements

1) The Assignor or Transferor certifies either (1) that the authorization will not be assigned or that control of the license will not be transferred until the consent of the Federal Communications Commission has been given, or (2) that prior Commission consent is not required because the transaction is subject to streamlined notification procedures for <i>pro forma</i> assignments and transfers by telecommunications carriers. See <i>Memorandum Opinion and Order</i> , 13 FCC Rcd. 6293(1998).			
2) The Assignor or Transferor certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or in documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.			
79) Typed or Printed Name of Party Authorized to Sign			
First Name: Laura	MI: E	Last Name: Binion	Suffix:
80) Title: Assistant Secretary			
Signature: Laura E Binion		81) Date: 02/03/00	

Assignee/Transferee Certification Statements

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2) The Assignee or Transferee waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise, and requests an authorization in accordance with this application.

3) The Assignee or Transferee certifies that grant of this application would not cause the Assignee or Transferee to be in violation of any pertinent cross-ownership, attribution, or spectrum cap rule.

*If the applicant has sought a waiver of any such rule in connection with this application, it may make this certification subject to the outcome of the waiver request.

4) The Assignee or Transferee agrees to assume all obligations and abide by all conditions imposed on the Assignor or Transferor under the subject authorization(s), unless the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to a request made herein otherwise allows, except for liability for any act done by, or any right accrued by, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced against the Assignor or Transferor prior to this assignment.

5) The Assignee or Transferee certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or in documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.

6) The Assignee or Transferee certifies that neither it nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1998, 21 U.S.C. § 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See Section 1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR § 1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification.

7) The applicant certifies that it either (1) has an updated Form 602 on file with the Commission, (2) is filing an updated Form 602 simultaneously with this application, or (3) is not required to file Form 602 under the Commission's Rules.

82) Typed or Printed Name of Party Authorized to Sign

First Name: Francis MI: X Last Name: Frantz Suffix:

83) Title: Exec.VP-Ext. Affairs, Gen. Couns. & Sect

Signature: Francis X Frantz

84) Date: 02/03/00

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).

Authorizations To Be Assigned or Transferred

85) Call Sign	86) Location Number	87) Path Number (Microwave only)	88) Lower or Center Frequency (MHz)	89) Upper Frequency (MHz)	90) Constructed Yes / No
KNKN767					
WMN407					
WMN408					

FCC Form 603 Schedule A	Schedule for Assignments of Authorization and Transfers of Control in Auctioned Services	Approved by OMB 3060 - 0800 See instructions for public burden estimate
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Assignments of Authorization**1) Assignee Eligibility for Installment Payments** (for assignments of authorization only)

Is the Assignee claiming the same category or a smaller category of eligibility for installment payments as the Assignor (as determined by the applicable rules governing the licenses issued to the Assignor)?

If 'Yes', is the Assignee applying for installment payments?

2) Gross Revenues and Total Assets Information (if required) (for assignments of authorization only)

Refer to applicable auction rules for method to determine required gross revenues and total assets information

Year 1 Gross Revenues (current)	Year 2 Gross Revenues	Year 3 Gross Revenues	Total Assets:
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3) Certification Statements**For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as an Entrepreneur Under the General Rule**

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply.

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as a Publicly Traded Corporation

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply and that they comply with the definition of a Publicly Traded Corporation, as set out in the applicable FCC rules.

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility Using a Control Group Structure

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply.

Assignee certifies that the applicant's sole control group member is a pre-existing entity, if applicable.

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as a Very Small Business, Very Small Business Consortium, Small Business, or as a Small Business Consortium

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply.

Assignee certifies that the applicant's sole control group member is a pre-existing entity, if applicable.

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as a Rural Telephone Company

Assignee certifies that they meet the definition of a Rural Telephone Company as set out in the applicable FCC rules, and must disclose all parties to agreement(s) to partition licenses won in this auction. See applicable FCC rules.

Transfers of Control**4) Licensee Eligibility** (for transfers of control only)

As a result of transfer of control, must the licensee now claim a larger or higher category of eligibility than was originally declared?

No

If 'Yes', the new category of eligibility of the licensee is:

Certification Statement for Transferees

Transferee certifies that the answers provided in Item 4 are true and correct

The copy resulting from Print Preview is intended to be used as a reference copy only and MAY NOT be submitted to the FCC as an application for manual filing.

Attachment List

Attachment Type	Date	Description	Contents
Other	02/07/00	Exhibit 2	17545160.0.pdf
Other	02/07/00	Exhibit 1	17545283.0.pdf

EXHIBIT 1

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION AND PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

This and certain other applications (the "Applications"), described below, are being filed contemporaneously on FCC Forms 603 and Forms 600 and 1046 to request Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") consent to the assignment or transfer of control of certain cellular and related microwave and telephone maintenance radio station authorizations. The Applications are filed pursuant to a series of agreements entered into by Bell Atlantic Corporation or its affiliates ("Bell Atlantic"), GTE Corporation or its affiliates ("GTE") and ALLTEL Corporation or its affiliates ("ALLTEL") providing for like-kind asset exchanges of cellular and related microwave properties, as well as various assignments and transfers of control of cellular and related microwave properties. The proposed assignments and transfers will eliminate certain overlapping cellular interests held by GTE, Bell Atlantic and Vodafone AirTouch Plc ("Vodafone"), and will have other public interest benefits as described below.

Background

On July 28, 1998, GTE and Bell Atlantic entered into an agreement whereby the two companies will merge. On September 21, 1999, Vodafone and Bell Atlantic entered into a "U.S. Wireless Alliance Agreement," pursuant to which their domestic wireless operations will be combined. On December 6, 1999, Vodafone, Bell Atlantic and GTE Corporation entered into a Consent Decree with the U.S. Department of Justice, in which the parties agreed to divest either Vodafone's or Bell Atlantic's interests in overlapping properties and to eliminate overlapping

interests between GTE, on the one hand, and Bell Atlantic or Vodafone, on the other hand, in numerous markets.¹

GTE plans to exit from certain overlap properties by transferring them to ALLTEL. GTE plans to exit from other overlap properties by having its interests in a partnership redeemed. Those transactions will eliminate ownership overlaps between GTE and Bell Atlantic or Vodafone and enable GTE and Bell Atlantic to finalize their merger – and achieve the many pro-competitive benefits of that merger – in compliance with the Commission’s cross-ownership rules and the Consent Decree with the Department of Justice.

Description of the Transactions

The transactions (“Transactions”) are structured as a series of license assignments (identified below in Transactions 1-3) (the “Assignments”) between GTE and ALLTEL or partnership interest redemptions (the “Redemptions”) (identified below as Transactions 4 and 11). Prior to consummation of the Redemption described in Transaction 11, certain intermediate transactions (the “Consolidation Transactions”) must be completed in order for the ultimate transfer to occur as proposed (identified below in Transactions 5-10). The Consolidation

¹ Proposed Final Judgment, *United States v. Bell Atlantic Corp.*, Civil No. 1:99 CV 01119 (D.D.C. filed Dec. 6, 1999) (“Consent Decree”). A copy of the Consent Decree has been filed with the Commission. Reply Comments of Vodafone AirTouch Plc and Bell Atlantic Corporation, DA 99-2451, Exhibit A (filed Dec. 10, 1999). The instant Applications address only overlaps between GTE and Bell Atlantic or Vodafone. Separate applications have been filed with the Commission to address the Bell Atlantic-Vodafone overlapping interests.

Transactions will consolidate the cellular and related microwave interests of ALLTEL that are to be transferred pursuant to the Redemption described in Transaction 11.

All eleven Transactions required to complete the Assignments and Redemptions are described below.² Each Transaction involves Part 22 cellular authorizations and related Part 101 point-to-point microwave authorizations held by the assignor or transferor.³ The parties request that the Commission consider contemporaneously all of the Applications associated with the eleven Transactions.

Transaction 1

<u>Assignor/Licensee</u>	<u>Assignee</u>	<u>Market</u>
ALLTEL Wireless Holdings, LLC	GTE Wireless of the South Incorporated	Harrisburg, PA MSA York, PA MSA Lancaster, PA MSA Johnstown, PA MSA Altoona, PA MSA Williamsport, PA MSA State College, PA MSA PA3B1, RSA 614 (Potter) PA4B1, RSA 615 (Bradford) PA8, RSA 619 (Union) PA10B1, RSA 621 (Bedford) PA11B1, RSA 622 (Huntingdon)

² Attached as Exhibit 2 are diagrams of each of the identified Transactions.

³ Certain transactions also include Telephone Maintenance Radio Service authorizations.